

***Delaware Health Resources Board
A.I. DuPont Nemours PET Scanner Review Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 15, 2016 10:00 AM
Department of Transportation Administration Building
Farmington Conference Room
800 Bay Road
Dover, Delaware***

Review Committee Members Present:

Vincent Lobo, Jr., D.O., Chair; David Hollen; and Jill Rogers.

Staff Present:

Marlyn Marvel; Joanna Suder; and Latoya Wright.

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Health Resources Board Review Committee for A.I. DuPont Nemours PET Scanner was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Vincent Lobo, Review Committee Chair.

Review of A.I. DuPont Nemours PET Scanner Application

The Review Committee reviewed the application along with the Internal Staff Analysis.

Latoya Wright stated that, on July 22, 2015, Nemours Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children submitted a Notice of Intent to purchase a PET MRI Scanner. The application was received on August 27, 2015 with an estimated capital expenditure of \$5.5 million. The public notice was posted on October 22, 2015 and a final decision will be made at the February 25, 2016 Health Resources Board meeting.

Review Considerations

The Review Committee reviewed the following criteria for reviewing the proposal.

Criterion I: The relationship of the proposal to the Health Resources Management Plan.

Criterion II: The need of the population for the proposed project.

Criterion III: The availability of less costly and/or more effective alternatives to the proposal, including alternatives involving the use of resources located outside the state of Delaware.

Criterion IV: The relationship of the proposal to the existing health care delivery system.

Criterion V: The immediate and long term viability of the proposal in terms of the applicant's access to financial, management and other necessary resources.

Criterion VI: The anticipated effect of the proposal on the costs of and charges for health care.

Criterion VII: The anticipated effect of the proposal on the quality of health care.

Follow Up Questions

During their discussion of the seven criteria, the Review Committee requested that the applicant be asked to provide the following information.

- What are the cost savings for providing PET MR scanner services in Delaware as opposed to other states that offer these services? What are your rates to provide these services in Delaware versus the rates for providing these services outside the state (Texas)? Please provide your fee schedule.
- Where is the population receiving these services now?
- Please provide documentation that PET MR scanners provide safer radiation levels than PET CT scanners and provide better quality of care.
- Please clarify the clinical advantage of providing PET MR scanner services in Delaware.
- Are you going continue to use the PET CT scanners when the PET MR scanner is installed?
- What is the advantage of having 3 MRI scanners as opposed to 2 mentioned in the application? What will be the impact if the facility has only 2?
- What other organizations do you intend to collaborate with to improve clinical outcomes?
- Please explain your charity care programs/financial assistance programs you have for the non-Medicaid/uninsured population. Please provide specifics related to enrollment, eligibility and requirements.
- Explain your involvement with value based payment models. What proportion of your current patient population is covered under value-based payment arrangements with third-party payers? What proportion of your total reimbursements is made under these arrangements? Do you have targets for moving into these arrangements?
- What proportion of the population that you serve now would achieve improved clinical outcomes with PET MR services?
- What is your current process for sending patients outside the state for PET MR services when an urgent clinical need exists?
- Do you plan to provide or would you consider providing PET MR services to the Alzheimer's population?

Next Steps

Ms. Wright will submit the questions raised by the Review Committee to the applicant. A second Review Committee meeting will be scheduled. The Review Committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Health Resources Board at the February 25, 2016 meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Guests Attending

Harry Chugani
Virginia Handler
Paul Kempinski

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